

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 6/3/2021
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Cajun PAC II
Office:
Parish:
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: PAC

Post Office Box 399
Broussard, LA 70518

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G
Original Due Date: 11/25/2020
Date Filed: 12/4/2020
Activity Receipts: \$0
Expenditures: \$21,080.38
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$13,238.56

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1,800
Days Late: 9
Late Fee Order Received: 3/1/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/21/2021
Waiver Request Received: 3/2/2021
Additional Information Requested:
- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Waiver request was submitted by Treasurer Benjamin Landry and he states that Louisiana Law 1505.4 stipulates that "Any candidate, the treasurer or chairman of a political committee or any other person required to file any reports under this chapter, who knowingly fails to file or who knowingly fails to timely file any such reports as are required by this Chapter may be assessed a civil penalty..." He says his committee did not "knowingly" fail to file in a timely matter. The report was immediately filed after it was known to be required.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

CAJUN PAC II

March 2, 2021

Angela Newsom, Director
Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4369
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Dear Angela,

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 26 regarding Cajun PAC II's campaign finance filing 10-G in 2020.

Louisiana law §1505.4 stipulates that, "Any candidate, the treasurer or chairman of a political committee, or any other person required to file any reports under this Chapter, who knowingly fails to file or who **knowingly** fails to timely file any such reports as are required by this Chapter **may** be assessed a civil penalty..."

Please know our Committee did not "knowingly" fail to file in a timely manner. In fact, we immediately filed when we determined a report was due. We understand that you *may* assess a penalty in cases where people purposefully attempt to avoid requirements but that is not what happened in this case.

In this instance our team believed they were following the same schedule as our Chairperson's campaign finance schedule at that point in the calendar year, meaning the report would be due in February as an annual report. We recently filed that report. Another member of our team found the additional reporting requirement and we immediately worked to get the report to your office as soon as it was discovered.

We have now put in place additional procedures to ensure we track reporting dates apart from the annual filing when those reports are triggered.

We appreciate your due diligence on these matters. We hope this letter clarifies our intent.

Sincerely,

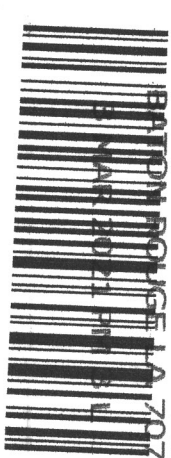

Benjamin Landry
Treasurer, Cajun PAC II

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